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For: "DRILLING FLUIDS, DRILLING FLUIDS ADDITIVES AND METHODS
USEFUL FOR LIMITING TAR SANDS ACCRETION ON METAL
SURFACES"

Sir:

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

The office is requested to expressly abandon the above-noted patent application in favor of applicant's corresponding application 10/604,733 filed previously. As such the invention in the above-noted application is not expressly abandoned, but rather pursued in the corresponding application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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